

February 26th, 2016

Open Government Partnership,  
Steering Committee

Dear Sir, Madam:

The participation of citizens in day-to-day government activities has proven fruitful in many cases around the world. Transparencia Mexicana is a civil society organization whose main objective is reducing corruption by generating or participating in initiatives that seek to tackle the causes and effects of corruption in Mexico. By working alongside the private and public sector, we have been able to come across remarkable initiatives that aim to change the current situation in the country for the better.

Since the introduction of the open government agenda in Jalisco in 2015, Transparencia Mexicana has been witness to the government's efforts on the matter. Numerous programs and initiatives statewide have been launched since, all enabling a broader practice of transparency and accountability. In October 2015, the government of Jalisco and various actors from civil society gave birth to the Technical Secretariat for Open Government. This newly formed organism would give way to a new stage of work and progress in the state's open government agenda.

Jalisco, being one of the largest and most significant subnational entities in Mexico, managed to create an organism commonly addressed as the Secretariat, where plurality and civil participation take place like in no other place in the country. It is exciting to see how members from the private sector, media, academia, NGO's and the three levels of government work together in the implementation of an open government agenda for the state. Our organization has been present in meetings of the Secretariat, invited as a consulting participant, where the Secretariat's potential for a successful implementation of an open government agenda was more visible. It is important to mention that even though the creation of the Secretariat was a huge step forward and a big success in Jalisco's agenda, a lot of work is still to come.

With a newly formed organism and a long road ahead, Transparencia Mexicana is more than willing to work with the Secretariat and its open government initiatives. More importantly playing an active role in their plausible cooperation with the Open Government Partnership and the Subnational Government Pilot Program seems to be a promising and enriching experience for all sides, not to mention the progress of the state's open government agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should further information be needed.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Bohórquez', written in a cursive style.

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